

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for managing electronic apparatuses comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatuses to verify identification information of a portable terminal which demands apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus and

transmit the apparatus management information in accordance with the portable terminal to the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information.

2. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to regularly perform a maintenance management of the electronic apparatus and store the apparatus management information.

3. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the portable terminal to transmit the apparatus management information which was acquired to an apparatus management center where apparatus management of a plurality of electronic apparatuses is

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performed synthetically.

4. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

5. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

6. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in

accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

7. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the portable terminal to transmit the apparatus management information which was acquired to an apparatus management center where apparatus management of a plurality of electronic apparatuses is performed synthetically.

8. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

9. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the

apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

10. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

11. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the latest apparatus management information to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the

electronic apparatus.

12. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

13. The method for managing an electronic apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising the step of:

causing the electronic apparatus to transmit the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition to the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information of the portable terminal which demanded the apparatus management information with respect to the electronic apparatus.

14. An electronic apparatus, comprising apparatus-side communication controlling means for communicating

with either of portable terminals, the apparatus-side communication controlling means including:

inside-apparatus management information storage means for storing the apparatus management information of a main body of the electronic apparatus in plural levels,

identification information storage means for storing identification information to identify the portable terminal of a communicating party,

apparatus-side controlling means for identifying the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information in the identification information storage means when a demand for the apparatus management information of the electronic apparatus from either of the portable terminals, and for transmitting the apparatus management information of the level in accordance with the portable terminal from the inside-apparatus management information storage means.

15. The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means regularly stores maintenance management information.

16. The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods.

17. The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition.

18. The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to consumable goods.

19. The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the inside-apparatus management information storage means stores the apparatus management information relating to the latest operating condition.

20. A management system, comprising:

a plurality of electronic apparatuses,  
said electronic apparatus including:

apparatus-side communication controlling means for  
communicating with either of portable terminals, the

apparatus-side communication controlling means including:

inside-apparatus management information storage means for storing the apparatus management information of a main body of the electronic apparatus in plural levels,

identification information storage means for storing identification information to identify the portable terminal of a communicating party,

apparatus-side controlling means for identifying the portable terminal in accordance with the identification information in the identification information storage means when a demand for the apparatus management information of the electronic apparatus from either of the portable terminals, and for transmitting the apparatus management information of the level in accordance with the portable terminal from the inside-apparatus management information storage means,

an apparatus management center where management of the plurality of electronic apparatuses is performed synthetically,

terminal-side communication controlling means, and  
a portable terminal having a display section,  
the terminal-side communication controlling means,



inherent information management means for storing  
identification information of the portable terminal,

storage means for storing the apparatus management information transmitted from the electronic apparatuses,

terminal-side controlling means for (a) communicating with either of the electronic apparatuses so as to acquire the apparatus management information, (b) displaying the apparatus management information that has been acquired on a display section, (c) storing the apparatus management information thus acquired in the storage means, and (d) enabling to transmit the apparatus management information stored in the storage means to the apparatus management center.